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SUBJ: CIVAIR - BRANIFF FLIGHTS

1. BRANIFF HAS RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM ECUADOR DGCA ORDERING BRANIFF TO SUSPEND FLIGHTS 910, 911, AND 970 (TWO ROUNDTrip FLIGHTS AND TWO NORTHBOUND ONLY FLIGHTS) EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7. ORDER REFERS TO PROVISIONAL APPROVAL GRANTED FOR BRANIFF FREQUENCY INCREASES ON JULY 1, STATES THAT THIS APPROVAL HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND, IN LIGHT TRAFFIC DEVELOPMENTS, CERTAIN FLIGHTS ARE TO BE SUSPENDED. WE UNDERSTAND ECUATORIANA (UNDER NEW NAME OF EMBRESA ECUATORIANA) RESUMED SERVICE TO MIAMI ABOUT WEEK AGO; ORDER AGAINST BRANIFF MAY BE ATTEMPT PROTECT ECUATORIANA'S OPERATIONS.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED MAKE PROMPT REPRESENTATIONS TO GOE URGING THAT ORDER BE RESCINDED. FOLLOWING POINTS MAY BE MADE:

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A. US-ECUADOR COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF APRIL 24, 1947 DOES NOT PERMIT ONE SIDE TO IMPOSE UNILATERAL RESTRICTIONS ON CAPACITY OR FREQUENCIES OF DESIGNATED AIRLINES. SECTION 1(F) OF THE ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT AUTHORITIES SHOULD CONSULT WHEN SUCH QUESTIONS ARISE TO DETERMINE EXTENT TO WHICH PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT ARE BEING FOLLOWED

BY DESIGNATED AIRLINES.

B. IF ECUADOR AUTHORITIES BELIEVE BRANIFF MAY NOT BE OPERATING CONSISTENTLY WITH PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN AGREEMENT, GOE SHOULD REQUEST CONSULTATIONS.

C. US AUTHORITIES WOULD BE PREPARED HOLD SUCH CONSULTATIONS AS SOON AS THEY CAN BE ARRANGED. PENDING OUTCOME OF TALKS, GDCA ORDER SHOULD BE RESCINDED OR AT LEAST DEFERRED.

3. A US CIVAIR DELEGATION EXPECTS BE IN AREA FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER AND COULD PROBABLY VISIT QUITO FOR CONSULTATIONS AT THAT TIME. FYI. IF GOE PREPARED DEFER IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDER, BUT DESIRES EARLIER CONSULTATIONS, WE WILL CONSIDER ALTERNATE PROPOSAL FOR DATE. END FYI.

4. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD PROBABLY BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE AT THIS TIME TO MENTION POSSIBILITY OF ACTIONS BY US, EMBASSY SHOULD KNOW THAT EMPRESA ECUATORIANA HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A NEW PERMIT FROM CAB TO OPERATE UNDER ITS NEW NAME. IT IS, THEREFORE, TECHNICALLY IN VIOLATION US LAW BY OPERATING UNDER THE PERMIT OF COMPANIA ECUATORIANA. MAW

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